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SUBJECT: SOVIET PROTEST ON TAG DER HEIMAT MEETINGS IN BERLIN

SUMMARY: SOVIET EMBOFF CALLED ON FRENCH (CHAIRMAN) POLAD
ON SEPT 9 TO PROTEST SEPT 10 TAG DER HEIMAT MEETING OF
VEREIN DER VERTRIEBENEN IN PREMISES OWNED BY BERLIN CITY
GOVERNMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. FRENCH (CHAIRMAN) POLAD PERRIN RECEIVED FIRST SECRETARY
TRENDELEV FROM SOVIET EMBASSY, EAST BERLIN, ACCOMPANIED
BY SOVIET POLITICAL OFFICER BOGOMOLOV ON SEPT 9 AT TRENDELEV'S
REQUEST. PERRIN ANTICIPATED THAT SOVIET DEMARCHE WOULD
CONCERN 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS OF THE FRG ADMINISTRA-
TIVE COURT. IN FACT, TRENDELEV READ FOLLOWING STATEMENT
CONCERNING "TAG DER HEIMAT." BEGIN TEXT: WE LEARNED THAT
A LARGE NUMBER OF MEASURES ARE FORESEEN IN THE NEXT DAYS
IN MANY DISTRICTS OF WEST BERLIN IN CONNECTION WITH WHAT IS
CUSTOMARILY CALLED TAG DER HEIMAT. PARTICULARLY WE HAVE
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LEARNED OF A MEETING AND A LARGE GATHERING IN THE SPORTS
HALL OF CHARLOTTENBURG DISTRICT.

THE ORGANIZERS OF THESE DEMONSTRATIONS ARE THE DIRECTORS
OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE VEREIN DER VERTREIBENEN, A
REVANCHIST ORGANIZATION WELL KNOWN IN THE FRG WHICH IN
FACT OPENLY APPEALS FOR REVISION OF THE CONSEQUENCES (I.E.,
THE BOUNDARIES) OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR. THIS ORGANIZATION

ENCOURAGES DIRECT INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AND ENCOURAGES ULTRA-NATIONALIST AND REVANCHIST SENTIMENTS AMONG THE POPULATION.

THE SOVIET EMBASSY WISHES TO DRAW THE ATTENTION OF THE ADMINISTRATIONS OF THE THREE WESTERN POWERS IN WEST BERLIN TO THE FACT THAT THE SENAT OF WEST BERLIN IS ASSOCIATING ITSELF DIRECTLY WITH THE ORGANIZATION OF THESE DEMONSTRATIONS WHICH HAVE A PROVOCATIVE CHARACTER AGAINST THE USSR, THE GDR AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. THE DEMONSTRATIONS ARE EQUALLY DIRECTED AGAINST DETENTE AND THE MAINTENANCE OF NORMAL RELATIONS OF GOOD NEIGHBORS IN THE REGION OF WEST BERLIN. THE SENAT DOES THIS BY FURNISHING ADMINISTRATIVE PREMISES FOR THE MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE VEREIN DER VERTRIEBENEN. IT IS EVIDENT THAT SUCH AN ATTITUDE ON THE PART OF THE SENAT OF WEST BERLIN ONLY FACILITATES THE ACTIVITIES IN THE CITY OF EXTREME RIGHT AND REVANCHIST ELEMENTS AND THAT THIS CAN ONLY COMPLICATE THE SITUATION IN THE REGION IN QUESTION.

THE SOVIET ELEMENT NOTES THAT THE FOUR POWERS HAVE UNDERTAKEN THE OBLIGATION IN THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT OF SEPT 3, 1971 TO ASSERT THEIR EFFORTS IN FAVOR OF THE ELIMINATION OF TENSION AND PREVENTION OF COMPLICATIONS. IN THIS CONNECTION WE HOPE THAT THE ADMINISTRATIONS OF THE THREE POWERS WHICH ASSUME SUPREME AUTHORITY IN WEST BERLIN WILL TAKE THE APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO PREVENT THE CITY BEING USED FOR PURPOSES HOSTILE TO THE USSR, THE GDR AND OTHER

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SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. THE REALIZATION OF THESE PURPOSES CAN ONLY LEAD TO A TENSER ATMOSPHERE IN THE CITY ITSELF AS WELL AS IN THE SURROUNDING AREA. END TEXT.

2. PERRIN REPLIED THAT IT WAS "EXCESSIVE" TO LINK THE STATED DESIRE OF THE FOUR POWERS TO ELIMINATE TENSION AND PREVENT COMPLICATIONS IN AND AROUND BERLIN WITH THE ACTIONS AND PLANS OF AN ASSOCIATION WHOSE ACTIVITIES WERE FAR FROM HAVING WIDE PUBLIC RESONANCE. PERRIN ADDED THAT UNLESS PUBLIC ORDER WAS DISTURBED, THE ALLIES HAD NO INTENTION OF INTERFERING WITH OPEN MANIFESTATIONS OF DIVERSE POLITICAL VIEWS. NO DOUBT THE SENAT HAD BEEN GUIDED BY SIMILAR CONSIDERATIONS FAVORING FREE EXPRESSION OF DIVERSE POLITICAL VIEWS IN MAKING THE SPORTS HALL AVAILABLE TO A POLITICAL GROUP WHICH HAD NOT BEEN BANNED.

3. IN HIS REPORT, PERRIN ADDED THE COMMENT THAT IN SPITE OF HIS PROTESTATIONS THAT THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES TOOK THE MATTER SERIOUSLY, TRENDELEV WAS CLEARLY MAKING A ROUTINE PROTEST.

4. COMMENT: U.S. AUTHORITIES HAVE HEARD NOTHING FROM

THE SOVIETS ON THIS MATTER AND WE JUDGE IT UNLIKELY
THAT THE SOVIETS WILL MENTION IT TO US, ESPECIALLY SINCE
THE MEETING IN QUESTION ALREADY TOOK PLACE ON SEPT 10. WE
SEE NO NEED FROM OUR STANDPOINT TO MAKE A REPLY TO THIS
PRO FORMA ANNUAL PROTEST BEYOND WHAT PERRIN SAID ON
THE OCCASION. ANDERSON

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